**Romeo & Juliet Webquest English9**

by "add your first name here"  
**Directions:**

1. Copy the questions from below page and paste it into your a word page. (Control A: select all, Control C: copy, Control V: paste).
2. Your task is to answer all the questions using the links provided. Insert your answers after the questions; make your answers a different color than the question Be sure you answer all parts of the question.
   * when you hit enter to put your answer in below each question, use a bullet.
3. Delete these directions (everything from the word 'Directions;" to just above the line) before you finish.

**About Shakespeare**  
Click on [this link](http://shakespeare.palomar.edu/timeline/timeline.htm) and answer the following questions (1-7).

1. William Shakespeare was born in what year?

* **William Shakespeare was born in 1564.**

1. What date do we recognize as his birthday?

* **William Shakespeare’s birthday is April 23rd.**

1. What was important about Stratford-upon-Avon in the 16th century?

* **The Agricultural center and market town were important in the 16th century.**

1. Click on the link for 1594 and find the acting companies Shakespeare was associated with in the early days. Name one.

* **one of the groups Shakespeare was associated with is Pembroke’s men.**

1. Click on 1599 The Great Globe. What is the probable year that Romeo and Juliet was written?

* **The probable year was for Romeo and Juliet is 1595.**

1. Scroll down to the section "Construction of the Globe," and answer these questions;
   1. Where did the timbers to build the Globe come from?

* **The timbers came from the Thames.**
  1. Who was the carpenter who built the Globe?
* **The carpenter was Peter Smith.**
  1. What was Shakespeare's share as "householder?"
* **Shakespeare’s share was 10% of the total profit.**

1. What day and year did Shakespeare die? Why is this an *interesting* date? How old was Shakespeare when he died?

* **Shakespeare died on April 23rd 1616. This is interesting because this was the day he was born. And Shakespeare was 52 years old when he died.**

**About Marriage**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/9.html) and answer the next questions (8-10).

1. Romeo & Juliet marry secretly, but because she is trying to escape the arranged marriage to Paris. Read this site about marriage in Elizabethan England and answer these questions.
   1. What does betrothal mean?

* **Betrothal means engagement.**
  1. Name three marriage and betrothal customs found on this page.
* **Three customs are consent, exchange of tokens, and consummation.**

1. Click on the link for "more wedding customs."
   1. What color should the bride's dress be?

* **The brides dress could be any color.**
  1. How is the intention to marry announced? What happens if it is not announced previous to the event?
* **Its announced three consecutive Sundays.**
  1. Describe the wedding procession.
* **The procession is noisy, accompanied by musicians, laughter, and jokes.**

**The groom doesn’t attend this event.**

* 1. What is a dowry?
* **Dowry is an amount of money, goods, and property the bride brings to the marriage.**

1. Explain how important is a wedding ring to the Elizabethans?

* **It’s important because its a pledge in her hand in marriage.**

**About Food**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/46.html) and continue (11-13).

1. How many meals do people generally eat each day?

* **In general people eat two meals each day.**

1. Click [here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/38.html). Why would people in Shakespeare's day not know what a chocolate chip cookie is?

* **They didn’t know because they didn’t have chocolate back then.**

1. Lord Capulet throws a huge party, feast and all. Imagine you are in charge of that menu. Luckily for you, today you only have to plan a menu for a small dinner party. Be sure to use only [food available in Europe](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/47.html) during this time. Choose at least two vegetables, two meats, and two fruits or nuts.

* **The two vegetables are onions and turnips.**
* **The two meals are chicken and beef.**
* **The two fruits are apples and lemons.**

=\_Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/20.html) and continue (14-16).

1. A famous line from Romeo and Juliet is when Juliet says, "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?" What does "wherefore" mean?

* **Wherefore means why.**

1. What does "stay" mean?

* **Stay means to wait.**

1. [Click here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/29.html) to get the information you need to translate this conversation. Put your translation in column two. Keep the phrases just about the same, but use Elizabethan words where you can. So, in other words, you rewrite the entire phrase but replace as many words as you can using Elizabethan English.

|| **Person A** || Hello. (A sneezes) Excuse me. || ||

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| **Person B** | Gesundheit! |  |
| **A** | * **Thanks- Gramercy** |  |
| **B** | * **Privy, Jakes, Ajax, Little room of office** |  |
| **A** | * **Certes**. **It's down the street in the Kings Tavern.** |  |
| **B** | * **My thanks. Goodbye.** |  |

**About Theatre in Shakespeare's Time**  
"[Actors, Acting, & Audience](http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/englisch/shakespeare/)" is the link for the next questions (16-19).

1. How many women actors did the company usually feature?

* **There were no woman actors in the company.**

1. Was Shakespeare an actor? What was the term used to refer to actors?

* **Yes, Shakespeare was an actor. They were referred to as players.**

1. How were the seating arrangements for the audience? How did one get a good seat?

* **They were closely packed and there were no reserved seats – first come first serve.**

1. What would the audience do if they did not like a performance?

* **If they didn’t like a performance they would throw things at the performers.**

**Shakespearean Insults**

1. Go to the [Shakespearean Insult Kit](http://www.mit.edu:8001/people/dryfoo/Funny-pages/shakespeare-insult-kit.html) and create your own insult. How you do it is to start with the word "Thou." Next, take a phrase/word from the first column to begin your insult, continue by adding something from the second column, and finish it up royally with something from the third column. Type your own personal Shakespearean insult in the table below. [Thou + choice from column 1 + choice from column 2 + choice from column 3 = your custom made insult].

* **Thou lumpish fool-born measle**